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# Twitter conduct questioned

## SOCIAL MEDIA

### Matt Whitman not helping his campaign with blocks: Expert



**Zane Woodford**  
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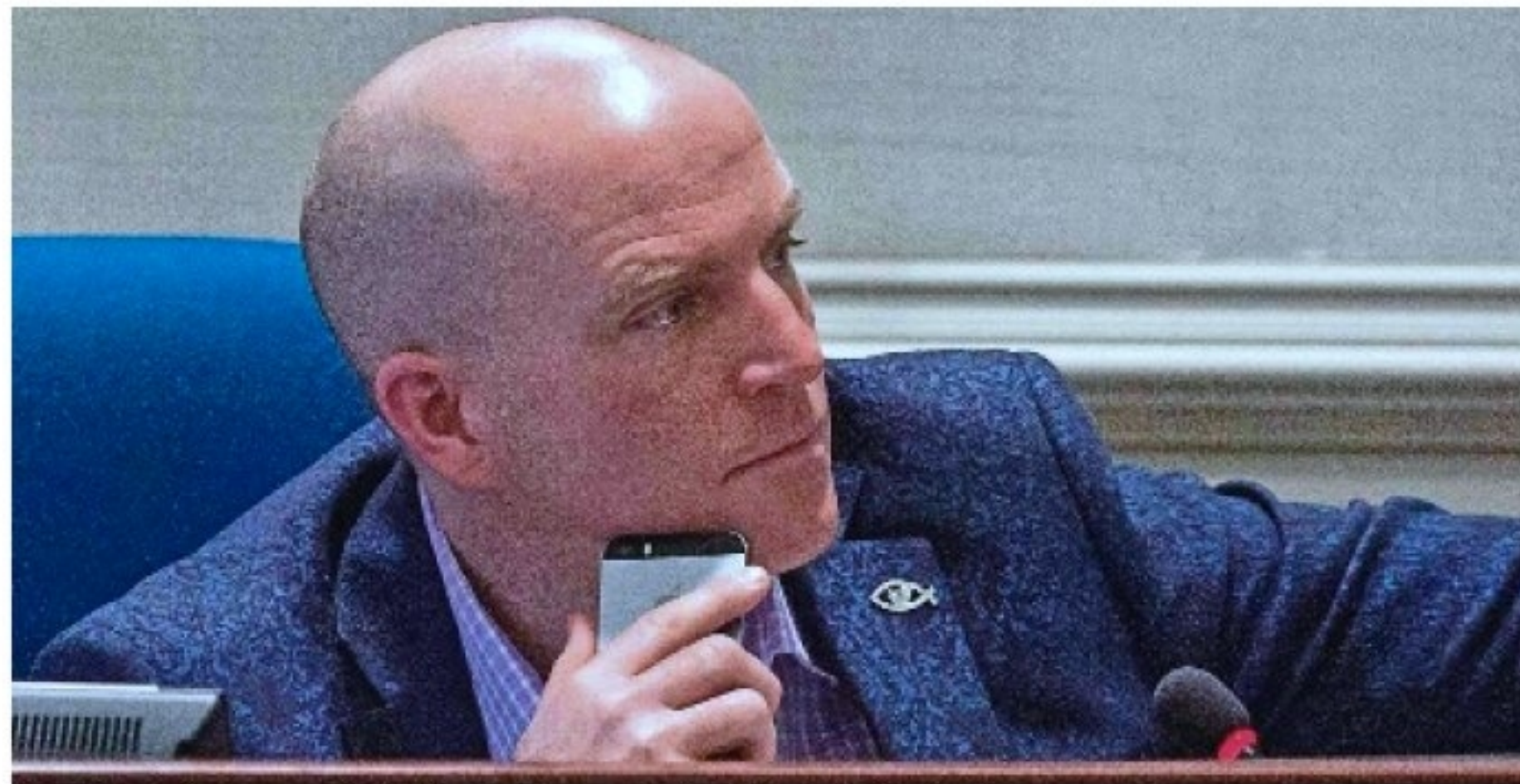
Halifax councillor and deputy mayor Matt Whitman has a well-known habit of blocking people on Twitter, and the social media network's head of news and government says that's probably not a good campaign strategy.

"I, as someone who works at Twitter, would not recommend any candidate or politician blocking someone who's looking to engage in a constructive way," Twitter Canada's Jennifer Hollett said in a recent interview.

"I would say it sends the wrong message to constituents." Hollett has worked on political campaigns, and was a candidate herself for the NDP in last year's federal election.

Twitter Canada has been analyzing use of the medium during the Halifax campaign, and Hollett said it's an invaluable tool for politicians and candidates to reach voters. "That's your job, you want to reach every voter," she said. "It's also about making yourself, as a candidate and the campaign, accessible."

Part of that accessibility means interacting with people who may disagree with you. "I think the beauty of Twitter is actually hearing from a variety of people and that includes



Matt Whitman has come under fire from Twitter users and constituents for blocking them. JEFF HARPER/METRO

people you don't agree with," Hollett said.

"Of course, if it's abuse or harassment, there's no question, block, report. But in terms of blocking a constituent, or someone you disagree with who's being constructive in a discussion, I'm not sure what the strategy is there." Whitman replied to a request for an interview with a statement via Twitter direct message. "It's not an election issue. No one at any door that I campaigned at this summer thought my snapchat or Pinterest or any social media was an election issue," he wrote.

"They are pleased that I'm accessible face to face and by email

and telephone. Those are the mandatory forms of communication for Council members."

Steve Keeling, a constituent and one of the many #blockedbywhitman, said he doesn't like Whitman's reasoning that there are no rules around Twitter use by councillors, or that it's not a form of communication he's mandated to use. "That's irrelevant because he communicates with some of his constituents, and not with others," he said. "As far as I'm concerned, he's violating my access to information, because he is sharing information there that he's not sharing anywhere else."

Why was he blocked? "I said, @matlantivex, 'What's your position on this issue?' And

I was immediately blocked," Keeling said. Here's that tweet, from July 4: "Good morning @matlantivex as my councillor I'm looking for your official position on Birch Cove Lakes, also how you intend to vote, Thanks!"

Keeling is far from alone, with several users on the hashtag #blockedbywhitman sharing their stories. One user said she was blocked for questioning why Whitman was spending time on another district's issue. Another for agreeing with someone else's tweet. While she doesn't recommend blocking, Hollett said, "Each candidate is going to have their own social media strategy" — and

**"I, as someone who works at Twitter, would not recommend any candidate or politician blocking someone who's looking to engage in a constructive way."**

Jennifer Hollett

## BLOCKEES

The #blockedbywhitman hashtag was created by those blocked by the councillor and used to share their stories.

**@tlwGoodridge:** I was #blockedbywhitman for agreeing with a neighbours tweet. It wasn't argumentative or negative. His behavior is ridiculous, not electable.

**@NamesPeoplePlay:** I was #blockedbywhitman for questioning his choices in allowing a cabbie accused of rape to retain his licence while awaiting trial.

**@Eco\_Yogini:** I was #blockedbywhitman for questioning his time spent on a different district's project. It was a polite/legit concern.

**@GlenVeinot:** I was #blockedbywhitman for posting the 2013 NSUARB Stormwater Hearing minutes on his Facebook page. Seems he did not want people to see it.

being human can work.

"The best politicians on Twitter are real," she said. "There's typos, they tweet about all kinds of things, not just politics. They respond, they engage, and some politicians, and some journalists, and some users block."

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With a display of some of the guns seized last month, Halifax Regional Police Staff Sgt. Scott MacDonald discusses the Fares for Firearms program. JEFF HARPER/METRO

WEATHER

## Waiting for the storm

As islands in the Caribbean brace for the potential destruction of Hurricane Matthew, there is much speculation about the impact the powerful storm could have on Nova Scotia.

Meteorologist Bob Robichaud with Environment and Climate Change Canada's Hurricane Centre, said while the hurricane — which was downgraded Monday night to a tropical storm — is clearly a strong model, it is still too early to be sure if the storm will reach land as it makes its way up the east coast.

"It's too early to really say anything about what it could do over the weekend," said Robichaud on the Category 4 storm.

"There are some models indicating it could come this way, others saying it may not hit land."

He says at this time all they can do is monitor the storm's progress.

"We hope to have a better idea once it crosses those Caribbean islands."

"It'll be a few days before we have a handle on what could possibly happen in Halifax," Robichaud said.

"At this time, it's pretty much impossible to say what will happen." NICOLE GNAZDOWSKY/FOR METRO

# Amnesty proves successful

152

Total number of guns collected during the Fares for Firearms Gun Amnesty Campaign. The breakdown:

- 123 long guns/rifles
- 18 hand guns
- 11 pellet guns

SOURCE: Police

PUBLIC SAFETY

## More than 150 guns turned in in exchange for bus fares



Nicole Gnazdowsky  
For Metro | Halifax

More than 150 guns have been taken off the streets thanks to a new amnesty gun exchange fare program that was originally mocked in Halifax.

The Fares for Firearms Gun Amnesty Campaign offered 50 Halifax transit tickets in exchange for any firearm turned over to the police for safe disposal Sept. 12-23.

During a press conference Monday, RCMP Insp. Dennis Daley said he recognizes that the program was highly criticized because the majority of criminals are unlikely to hand over weapons in exchange for bus tickets.

But he adds that the police are still confident the campaign will contribute to public safety.

"We don't know if they're used in gun violence or not, but I think anytime a weapon is handed in it increases public safety, it increases awareness in the community and I think we've been successful doing that," said Daley.

In 2015 just under 200 guns were handed in for destruction throughout the HRM, said Daley.

The bus fare amnesty campaign ran for two weeks, and produced a total of 152 firearms.

A total of 128 incentives, or 6,400 tickets were handed out

with a total value of \$12,800 for the campaign.

The original offer was \$5,000 worth of tickets, but was increased after police saw such a large response.

The campaign was launched after a string of shootings took place throughout the HRM, and the public put out a call for more proactive prevention.

"These weapons are all being checked to see if they have been used in a crime and perhaps they have and we'll find that out," said Daley. "If not, at least they're out of homes where they don't belong."



**It'll be a few days before we have a handle on what could possibly happen in Halifax.**

Bob Robichaud



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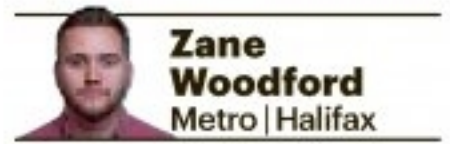




# Talking transit, snow in District 14

## ELECTION

## Radio host sounds off on commute time, icy sidewalks



**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

Adam Watts doesn't think the issues in his district, Middle/Upper Sackville - Beaver Bank - Lucasville, are all that different from anywhere else in the municipality.

Nonetheless, he'd like to see them fixed.

Watts, a part-time radio host and full-time market researcher,

said transit tops his list.

"There's no reason it should take, at best, an hour to get home from here to Sackville. That's what my commute is, best case scenario," he said during an interview at the Bayer's Road Centre.

And he doesn't hold out much hope for the network redesign sketched out in the Moving Forward Together Plan.

"The proposed changes for transit are even worse," he said.

"Three buses to get from Sackville to Halifax Shopping Centre ... just unacceptable."

Another issue on Watts' mind is snow clearing.

"It's the same as anywhere, sidewalks are terrible," he said, adding that Bobcats shouldn't be used to clear sidewalks anywhere in HRM.

Aside from someone who's going to deal with those issues, Watts wants a councillor who's going to be more present at City Hall.

"I want someone who shows up to work, unlike the current one," he said, referring to incumbent Coun. Brad Johns.

Johns had the worst attendance record on council last year, for the second year running.

Watts said he had an email exchange with Johns in which the councillor told him he doesn't come to council meetings because of a conspiracy to keep him quiet.

Johns' usual reason for missing meetings is that he's busy doing constituency work, but Watts doesn't buy that either.

"I live around the corner from him, been in my house 10 years.



Adam Watts will be voting in District 14. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Never seen him, never met him," he said.

Johns has held the seat since 2000, and won the last election with 72.41 per cent of the vote against one challenger.

This time around, he's in a much tighter three-way race with broadcaster Lisa Blackburn and Kevin Copley, a member of the North West Planning Advisory Committee.



## HOW TO VOTE

**Key Dates:** e-voting (online and by telephone) starts Oct. 4, runs every day till Oct. 13. Advanced polling in person on Oct. 8, 11.

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## MAPPED | HALIFAX ELECTION DISTRICTS

### DISTRICT 14: MIDDLE/UPPER SACKVILLE - BEAVER BANK - LUCASVILLE



**Population:** 20,636

**Boundaries:** District 14 includes Middle and Upper Sackville, Beaver Bank and Kinsac, along with Lucasville and the communities along Lucasville Road.

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**HERITAGE TREATY DAY HONOURED** Aboriginal drummers lead the annual Treaty Day march along Barrington Street Monday. Treaty Day began in 1986 and marks the beginning of Mi'kmaq History Month in Nova Scotia. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Pride under fire over resolution

## LGBTQ ISSUES

### Queer Arabs say pro-Israel material isn't appropriate

Nova Scotia's official Opposition leader is criticizing efforts to oust a pro-Israel campaign from a Halifax Pride event, saying it's an "absurd injustice" for a group promoting LGBTQ rights to silence the province's Jewish community.

The vote set for the Halifax Pride Society's annual general meeting on Wednesday evening would remove the "Size doesn't matter" campaign materials from a fair booth hosted by the Atlantic Jewish Council.

The materials promote LGBTQ life in Israel and tourism to Tel Aviv.

The motion was brought

forward by the group Queer Arabs of Halifax, and is supported by the Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project, a group that advocates for LGBTQ people across the province.

It is being actively opposed by the Atlantic Jewish Council and national Jewish groups.

Jamie Baillie, the leader of the Progressive Conservatives, says in a letter that he supports the state of Israel and will no longer participate in the parade if the resolution passes.

"It is hard to imagine a more absurd injustice than the thought of the Halifax Pride Society voting to suppress the views and opinions of another vibrant part of our local community," he wrote in a letter to Willem Blois, chair of Halifax Pride.

Morgan Manzer, a board member of Halifax Pride, said the elected board will not be taking a position on the resolution,

though individual board members may give their views during the meeting.

He said members of the various groups for or against the motion can join the society on the evening of the meeting and participate in the vote, adding "anyone seeking to be a member must agree to uphold the values and missions of the society."

He said he's expecting a larger turnout than last year's 50-person meeting. "I would expect there would be a hundred people. Maybe more," he said.

Emily Davidson, co-chair of the Rainbow Action Project, says her group has been running a campaign this summer to support Queer Arabs of Halifax and oppose the written materials being distributed at the community fare.

She says the use of the materials isn't acceptable amidst international condemnations against Israel's mistreatment of Palestinians. "It's limiting the ability of Queer Arabs of Halifax to participate in the festival in a positive way," she said.

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**“It's limiting the ability of Queer Arabs of Halifax to participate in the festival in a positive way.”**  
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# Carbon plan gets mixed reception

## CLIMATE CHANGE

### Saskatchewan Premier claims 'tax' will hurt economy

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has given provinces two years to come up with a plan to price carbon pollution or risk having one imposed on them by Ottawa, a move that delighted environmentalists but has rankled some premiers.

Trudeau on Monday announced his government's plan to lay the framework for a national plan to price carbon by imposing a minimum pricetag beginning in 2018.

Reaction to the proposal was swift — and mixed. Environmentalists cheered the move, saying it was one step towards meeting the commitment made by Canada and almost 200 other nations in Paris last December to cut greenhouse gas emissions.

But in Montreal, where provincial environment ministers were meeting with their federal counterpart, the ministers from Nova Scotia, Newfoundland

and Labrador and Saskatchewan all left early to protest Ottawa's announcement.

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall said the new "tax" will damage his province's economy.

"In the coming weeks, Saskatchewan will investigate all options to mitigate the impact of one of the largest national tax increase in Canadian history," Wall said.

Trudeau unveiled the federal move in the Commons in a speech that kicked off debate on a Liberal motion to support ratification of the Paris climate change accord.

Trudeau said a minimum price of \$10 per tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent would be set in 2018, rising to \$50 a tonne by 2022. Provinces will have to meet or exceed that "floor price," either through a direct price on carbon or a cap-and-trade system.

If provinces fail to establish a pricing on carbon, Trudeau said the federal government would impose a carbon price in that jurisdiction. He said the carbon pricing plan would be revenue neutral for Ottawa, saying the revenues would stay in the province where they are generated.

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**It has been proven that this is a good way to stop major emitters from fuelling climate change and threatening the entire planet.**  
Justin Trudeau



## MONTREAL

### Student with hijab not allowed to take exam

A Montreal junior college is trying to determine how to accommodate a student who was prevented from taking an exam because she wouldn't temporarily remove part of her hijab, a school spokeswoman said Monday.

The young woman was asked by her male biology teacher two weeks ago to pull back part of her headscarf so he could see whether she was wearing headphones, said Line Legare with College de Maisonneuve.

"She didn't want to show him her ears," Legare said, adding the student offered her teacher the possibility of touching her through the hijab to make sure she wasn't trying to cheat.

"That made the teacher uncomfortable."

He then told the student she couldn't take the exam that day.

Legare said the teacher and the student are negotiating another date for her to write the exam. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Yasmin Nakhuda with her monkeys Diva, a lion-tailed macaque and Caesar a Japanese macaque, in Pontypool, Ont. Activists blame a patchwork of outdated and inconsistent laws and bylaws for the rise in ownership of exotic animals. FRED THORNHILL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Rise in exotic animal ownership a concern

As the sun sets over the sprawling property in rural Ontario, the farmhouse party gets into full swing. The host walks around chatting up the guests, two small monkeys perched on her shoulder. One is dressed in a collared jumpsuit, the other in a polka-dot dress.

Up the hill, a pair of burlesque dancers perform as guests snap photographs of other animals — two miniature donkeys, a wallaroo named Wall-E, a few alpacas groomed like best-in-show poodles, two tiny marmosets, two ferrets and a skittish black-and-white fox.

This is Yasmin Nakhuda's Xanadu where she presides over her menagerie at her home in Kawartha Lakes, where she moved in 2014 after losing her "son" Darwin — a Japanese macaque that escaped from her car and wandered into an Ikea store.

Images of the tiny monkey wearing a beige shearling coat triggered a social media frenzy and a legal battle that Nakhuda eventually lost to an animal sanctuary that Darwin now calls home.

Owning exotics — wild animals taken from their natural habitat or bred in captivity and not native to the country — is a growing trend in Canada, according to animal welfare activists, who blame a patchwork of outdated and inconsistent laws and bylaws.

Rob Laidlaw of Zoocheck, a wildlife protection charity based in Toronto, has been fighting for animals' rights for decades.



**Ontario is probably the worst jurisdiction in the country for exotic animal laws.**

Rob Laidlaw

there is no central registry," Laidlaw says.

Based on his research, Laidlaw believes there are hundreds of thousands of exotic animals in the country, the vast majority being reptiles.

It doesn't help that the laws vary wildly across Canada, he says.

"Ontario is probably the worst jurisdiction in the country for exotic animal laws and has been for quite a long time," Laidlaw

says.

Only two types of animals are banned by the provincial government: pit bulls and killer whales. It is up to municipalities to create their own bylaws, and many of them, such as Toronto and Ottawa, maintain a list of prohibited animals, or as Laidlaw calls it a "negative list."

Instead, he says, Canada should adopt a "positive list" approach used in several European countries that allows ownership of only listed animals.

Laidlaw says two provinces, British Columbia and New Brunswick, have taken some action on exotic animal laws. Both Saskatchewan and Quebec require permits for certain exotic animals, but none are banned. Many provinces in the country take a similar approach to Ontario's and leave it to municipalities to decide. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## MENTAL HEALTH

### Vet brings lessons from Rwanda to workplaces



Retired Lt.-Col. Stéphane Grenier COURTESY ANDRE APPERLEY

**Adam Kveton**  
For Metro | Ottawa

A retired Canadian soldier is applying what he learned dealing with PTSD from the Rwandan genocide to the mental health problems of the workplace.

He's not saying that working in Canada is anything like those dark 100. But retired Lt.-Col. Stéphane Grenier is saying that stress injuries happen at workplaces all the time, and that's where a more social solution

needs to take place.

Grenier spoke with Metro about his experience dealing with his own mental health and the changes he helped implement in the Canadian Forces. His interest began when he first started having mental health troubles.

Grenier had been in the military for about 10 years when he was deployed to Rwanda in 1994. He spent nine months there before finally going home. It was many months before he realized he'd come home with PTSD.

Once Grenier realized he had

PTSD, he found that help was available to him. It was clinical help — pills and doctors. But the support of peers was missing.

Grenier sought to change that. He coined the term "operational stress injury," and pushed for and managed a national peer support program in the Canadian Forces.

Now he's trying to apply the same thing to the workplace where he says mental health has been pushed into the clinical realm.

"Stress is stress," he said, and peer support is an important way to deal with it.



Sexual Assault on Campus: A Metro Special Focus

Day 2: A federal vacuum

# Lost without leadership

Campus sexual assault is a national problem, but no one's pursuing a national solution. With no central accountability or oversight, the provinces and schools are on their own.



**Rosemary Westwood**  
Metro | Toronto

One of the defining elements of the fight against campus sexual assault in Canada is what it lacks: a national strategy.

To some degree, this is by constitutional design. We have no federal education minister, no federal responsibility for post-secondary education. Politically speaking, it's not a national matter.

In this vacuum, the provinces are left to negotiate a new era of sexual-assault legislation.

In Ontario and B.C., new bills passed in the last year require every post-secondary institution to have a standalone sexual-assault policy (by January and May, respectively). An opposition MLA in Manitoba has put forward a similar bill, as has the Conservative opposition in Nova Scotia. Meanwhile, Nova Scotia's ruling Liberals signed a memorandum of understanding with universities this summer tying the development of sexual-assault policies to increased funding.

In Alberta, the minister of education has directed all schools to have standalone sexual-assault policies (expected to be in place by the spring). And in other

provinces — at the University of Regina, University of Saskatchewan and Memorial University in Newfoundland — schools are shouldering the initiative themselves.

But while these efforts have been greeted with hope and some praise (most notably by politicians and university administrators), critics argue the legislation doesn't go far enough.

In each province, schools are given broad autonomy over what exactly the policies should look like — a significant vote of confidence in a sector roundly viewed as having failed on the issue for decades.

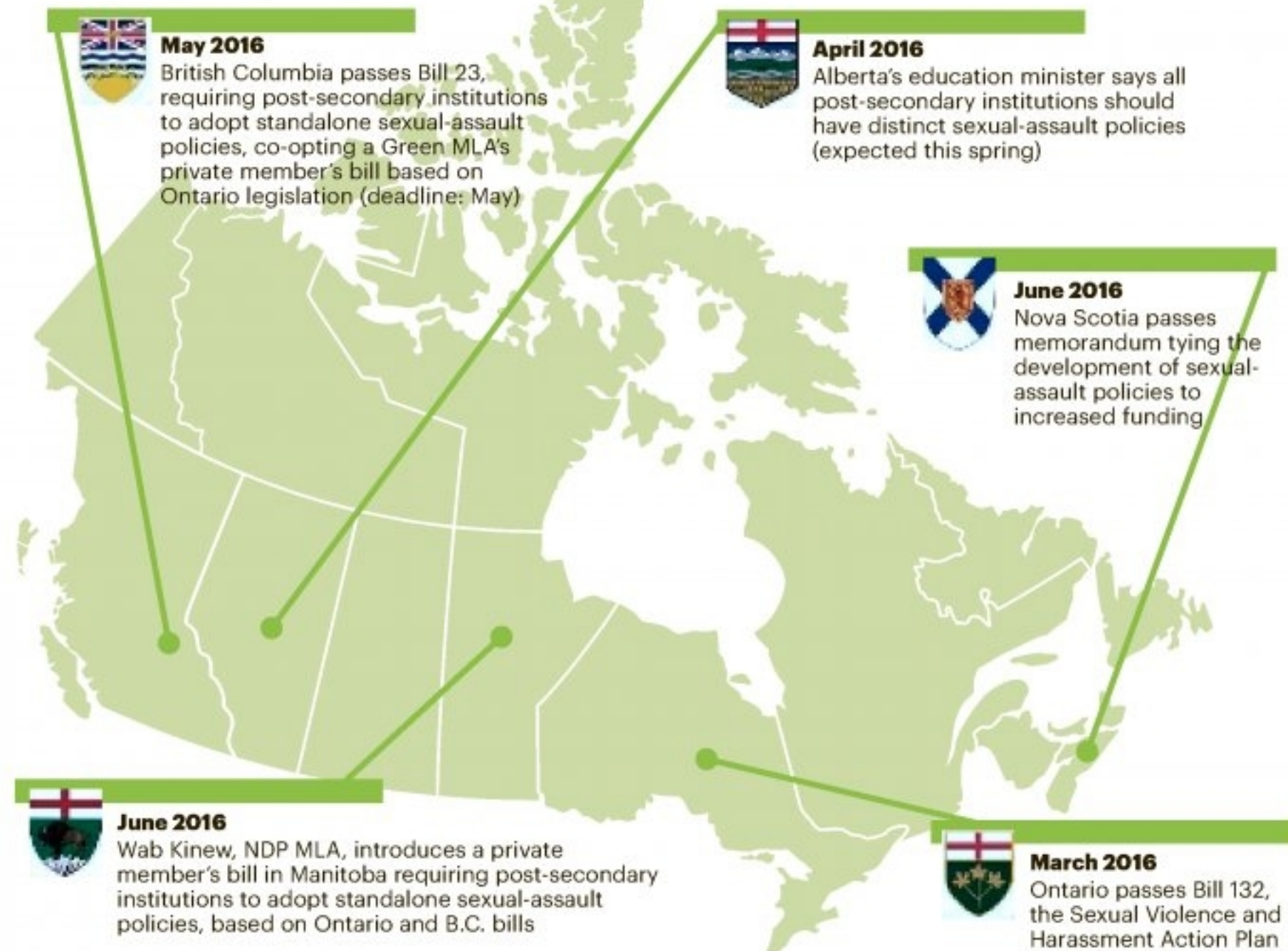
None of the new or proposed legislation establishes centralized responsibility for ensuring the policies operate as they should. That's striking, since institutional accountability has been at the heart of numerous complaints about university responses to sexual assault.

Dawn Moore, a Carleton professor and the lead investigator for a major research report on campus sexual assault released this summer, was among 20 colleagues who wrote to the university's president this spring, expressing concerns the school was "embarrassing" itself by not consulting from the beginning with academics whose research deals with sexual assault. Similar complaints were registered at other schools with experts in the field.

These patchwork efforts are not the only option.

Provincial education ministers do have a national body, the Council of Ministers of Education, that co-ordinates on "pan-Canadian education initiatives." In a meeting this summer, they talked about a range of issues including indigenous education and funding, but sexual assault appeared nowhere on the agenda.

Meanwhile, the minister for the status of women, Patty Hajdu, has been tasked with developing the Federal Strategy Against Gender-based Violence, which she told me will include campus violence. But Hajdu's staff took pains to reiterate that campus sexual assault is the jurisdiction of provinces, and Hajdu said her ministry's role could only be one of



**The provinces' latest efforts** have been a patchwork of legislation and directives in the absence of a co-ordinated national strategy

support.

"We're working very closely with the provinces, the territories, looking at how can we actually support the work that has been happening across the country and where are the gaps at a federal level that we can actually fill in," she said.

Hajdu said consultations with campus sexual-assault survivors brought up the example of the U.S., where there has been a far more aggressive national push to tackle the problem.

"There are a number of pieces of legislation and actions the president himself has taken and been very clear about. For example, making sure that campuses that he visits have strengthened policy and legislation around sexual violence and insisting that exists before he visits those campuses,"

Hajdu said.

President Barack Obama indeed makes a striking contrast to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on the subject. While one has made an end to campus violence a pillar of his administration and tasked Vice-President Joe Biden with the file, Metro found no evidence that Trudeau has spoken publicly about campus sexual violence since winning office.

Wab Kinew, Manitoba NDP MLA and a proponent of a

bill to require sexual-assault policies on campuses in that province, suggests that a public statement from Trudeau could be a useful start.

"Potentially there's room for federal intervention, but before that it would be great

to see the prime minister weigh in and say consent culture is important," he said.

Any federal strategy — like Hajdu's — will take time, he noted, but a statement like that could happen "right away."

## About the series

### Mon. | The power of five

The most organized Canada-wide effort to combat campus sexual assault comes from an unlikely crew of five young women.

### Tues. | A federal vacuum

The problem is national, but solutions have been regional and parochial.

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U.S. law and White House directives make for more rigorous requirements. But the U.K. lags behind.

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We don't know how big the problem is because no one is incentivized to find out.

### Fri. | The way ahead

We have a problem; we need a plan.



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## DOING 'SOMETHING,' FIXING NOTHING



Glynnis Kirchmeier is one of three women who've filed

human-rights complaints against Canadian universities over the past year.

As part of her complaint against the University of British Columbia, Kirchmeier is asking the school to hire an independent person tasked with evaluating and

overseeing its sexual-assault responses.

"I wouldn't have voted for it," Kirchmeier said of B.C.'s campus sexual-assault bill, which she criticized as toothless and vague.

"Why waste your time on legislation that is not very good? That's not to say I don't understand legislation has compromises, but this was so far from anything worth doing. I'm worried that people will say: 'That's that. We did something.'"





## TODAY: PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON ELECTORAL REFORM

The Special Committee on Electoral Reform is examining possible replacements for the current first-past-the-post system, as well as mandatory voting and online voting. The Committee invites the public to attend its hearings and to share their views by participating in open mic sessions.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 4, 2016

**WHERE:** Delta Halifax – Bluenose Ballroom  
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**PROGRAM:** 1:30-4:15 p.m. Witness panel(s)  
4:15-5:00 p.m. Open mic session  
6:00-7:15 p.m. Witness panel(s)  
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Attendees must clear security and provide photo identification before entering the meeting room. Members of the public who wish to speak at the open mic sessions must register on-site at least 30 minutes before the start of the session.

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Le Comité spécial sur la réforme électorale examine les modes de scrutin qui pourraient remplacer l'actuel système majoritaire uninominal à un tour, ainsi que les questions du vote obligatoire et du vote en ligne. Le Comité invite le public à assister à ses audiences et à partager son point de vue en participant à des séances à micro ouvert.

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# Matthew causes havoc

## WEATHER

### Hurricane claims at least four lives

Heavy rains from the outer bands of Hurricane Matthew drenched Jamaica and Haiti on Monday, flooding streets and sending many people to emergency shelters as the Category 4 storm approached the two countries. Two deaths were reported in Haiti, bringing the total for the storm to at least four.

Matthew had sustained winds of 220 km/h as it moved north, up from 210 km/h earlier in the day. The centre was expected to pass just east of Jamaica and near or over the southwestern tip of Haiti early Tuesday before heading to eastern Cuba, the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said.

"We are looking at a dangerous hurricane that is heading into the vicinity of western Haiti and eastern Cuba," said Richard Pasch, a senior hurricane specialist with the centre. "People who are impacted by things like flooding and mudslides hopefully would get out and relocate because that's where we have seen loss of life in the past."

Many were taking that advice. In Jamaica, more than 700 people packed shelters in the eastern parish of St. Thomas and the Salvation Army said there were about 200 people at its shelters in Kingston.

Still, many people chose to stick it out. Local Government Minister Desmond McKenzie



Residents of the Cuban community of Cecilia are evacuated as Hurricane Matthew wreaks havoc through the Caribbean as the most menacing storm in nearly a decade. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

said all but four residents of the Port Royal area near the Kingston

airport refused to board buses and evacuate.

In Haiti, authorities went door to door in the south coast cities of Les Cayes and Jeremie to make sure people were aware of the storm. At least 1,200 people were evacuated to shelters in churches and schools.

"We are continuing to mo-

bilize teams in the south to move people away from dangerous areas,"



**We have no choice but to prepare ourselves to take a frontal assault.**  
Capt. David Culpepper

At least two fishermen died in rough water churned up by the storm, Jean-

Baptiste said. Their deaths brought the total for the storm to at least four. One man died Friday in Colombia and

a 16-year-old in St. Vincent and the Grenadines on Sept. 28 when the system passed through the eastern Caribbean.

After passing Jamaica and Haiti, Matthew's centre was expected to pass about 80 kilometres east of the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Navy Capt. David Culpepper, the base commander, said shelters had been set up and authorities were bracing for the storm.

"We have no choice but to prepare ourselves to take a frontal assault," Culpepper said.

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## STAMPEDE

### Unrest continues in Ethiopia

Violence flared again Monday in Ethiopia's restive Oromia region, where dozens of people were killed a day earlier in a stampede when police tried to disrupt an anti-government protest amid a massive religious festival.

The state broadcaster late Monday raised the death toll to 55 from the earlier official count of 52. Its report cited a hospital official in the town where the stampede occurred, and it said three people remained hospitalized with serious injuries.

After the stampede, clashes between security forces and protesters erupted Sunday evening and continued Monday morning in the towns of Bishoftu and Ambo, an Ethiopian government official and witnesses said.

The annual Irrecha thanksgiving festival had drawn huge crowds, and the stampede occurred as people ran to escape police firing tear gas and rubber



Men wash the face of a woman after police used tear gas during the Oromo new year holiday on Sunday. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

bullets and shooting live rounds into the air after anti-government protesters approached the stage where religious leaders were speaking.

People were crushed to death. A witness said some of those killed were still being recovered from ditches where they fell while trying to flee.

There also were reports of arrests.

"Some people tried to come

out en masse this morning to protest the deaths of holidaygoers on Sunday and also demand the release of people arrested during the celebrations," Negash said. "Today's protesters were peaceful but dispersed by police violently. I'm not aware of any deaths this morning, but it was violent. But I'm aware of live bullets used this morning in other vicinities of this town."

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## IN BRIEF

### Syrian rebels lose 15 in battles with Daesh

Fighting in northern Syria between Turkey-backed Syrian rebels and Daesh militants killed at least 15 rebels as the opposition pressed toward a town of symbolic importance for the extremists, an activist group and Turkish officials said Monday.

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### Boy killed at school to have superhero funeral

The family of a six-year-old boy shot at a South Carolina elementary school says a superhero funeral is planned for Jacob Hall, a week after he was shot along with a classmate and a teacher as his first-grade class left for recess. Family members say pallbearers will dress as superheroes and people are encouraged to wear costumes.

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IN BRIEF

**Facebook launching 'marketplace' section**

Facebook says some 450 million people use its site — mainly the "Groups" feature — to buy and sell stuff locally, anything from cars to baby clothes to furniture. Now, the company is launching a separate "marketplace" section that seeks to make it easier to do this.

The last time Facebook tried its hand at such a marketplace was nine years ago, and it didn't really go anywhere.

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**Aritzia fashion business shares soar on TSX**

Aritzia Inc. shares began trading for the first time Monday, well above the price set in the run-up to the Canadian fashion retailer's initial public offering. One-vote subordinate Aritzia shares were about 13 per cent above the IPO price of \$16 after about 90 minutes of trading Monday. At Monday's close, the subordinate shares were up \$1.71, or 10.69 per cent, to \$17.71 on 8.5-million shares.

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Finance Minister Bill Morneau announces measures intended to stabilize the real estate sector amid concerns that pockets of risk have emerged in some housing markets, particularly those in Toronto and Vancouver. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Feds unveil measures to curb housing risk

**MORTGAGES**

## Changes close principal residence tax loophole

Ottawa has announced a number of measures aimed at curbing risk in the country's housing markets, including closing a tax loophole and tightening mortgage insurance rules to prevent borrowers from taking on too much debt.

Finance Minister Bill Morneau said Monday that the government will make changes related

to the principal residence tax exemption.

The exemption allows homeowners to avoid paying capital gains tax on the sale of a home as long as they were living in it. That exemption will now be available only to Canadian residents, Morneau said, and families will only be allowed to designate one home as their primary residence.

The federal government will also beef up rules surrounding stress tests for insured mortgages to make sure that borrowers don't take on more debt than they can handle if interest rates go up or their income drops.

"Low interest rates have gradually changed the way both lenders and borrowers view debt and indebtedness in this country," Morneau said during a news conference.

"As these attitudes and behaviours have changed, some households began carrying high debt loads and pockets of risk have begun to emerge."

Starting Oct. 17, all insured mortgages will have to undergo a stress test to determine if the borrower will still be able to make his or her mortgage payments if interest rates rise.

Previously, these stress tests weren't required for fixed-rate mortgages longer than five years.

Another policy change coming into effect on Nov. 30 will require

mortgage loans that the banks insure with portfolio insurance to meet eligibility criteria that previously only applied to highly leveraged insured mortgages.

The changes come as concerns mount that housing costs in Toronto and Vancouver have become increasingly unaffordable for many Canadians while foreign investors purchase homes and turn them around for a quick profit.

Many middle-class families looking to buy homes have found themselves priced out of the market, Morneau said, and in some cases that has led them to take on high levels of debt.

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**HOUSING**

## A quick look at changes

The federal government has introduced numerous measures in recent years in efforts to stabilize housing markets. Here's a quick look at some of them:

**1 Oct. 3, 2016:** As of Oct. 17, all insured mortgages will have to undergo stress tests to determine whether borrowers will still be able to make their mortgage payments if interest rates rise or they lose their jobs. A tax exemption for homeowners when they sell their primary residences is limited to Canadian residents.

**2 Feb. 15, 2016:** The minimum down payment for new government-backed insured mortgages increases from five per cent to 10 per cent for the portion of a house price over \$500,000.

**3 July 9, 2012:** The maximum amortization period for new government-backed insured mortgages drops to 25 years from 30 years. Ottawa lowers the maximum amount Canadians can borrow when refinancing to 80 per cent from 85 per cent.

**4 April 18, 2011:** Ottawa withdraws government insurance backing on lines of credit secured by homes, such as home equity lines of credit.

**5 March 18, 2011:** The maximum amortization period for government-backed insured mortgages is cut to 30 years from 35 years.

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## EMMA TEITEL ON THE ULTIMATE CIVIC HOLIDAY

**More than 20 per cent of Canadians who said they didn't vote in the 2011 election abstained because they were 'too busy.' That strikes me as a big number and a big problem.**



When I was in high school, running for student council, it was pretty easy to "get out the vote" on election day.

All you had to do was plug in the school's popcorn machine beside the ballot boxes and wait for the smell of hot imitation butter to reel your constituency in to the polls. A word of advice to any politician trying to increase youth-voter turnout: the key to your success is not in lofty promises of progressive change. It's in free food. And equally important: easy access to that food.

Of course I am being facetious, but there is a kernel of truth (sorry) in the popcorn anecdote. People, no matter their political affiliation, are more likely to vote when voting is made easy.

This is why nearly 300 tech employers in the United States announced this month that they will allow their staff to take off a full day's work on Nov. 8, as a paid company holiday, to vote in the U.S. election.

Some of the tech firms who have agreed to make this accommodation include Spotify, About.com, the Wikimedia Foundation and the political data firm ShareProgress.

Why are they doing this?

The founder of ShareProgress, Jim Pugh, told the Washington Post that the participating compan-

ies hope the new policy raises voter turnout in the United States. "The more we can have this be a norm within the corporate space, the more it's going to push good civic corporate behaviour," Pugh told the Post.

According to Statistics Canada data from 2011, the No. 1 reason Canadians didn't vote in the federal election that year was because they were "not interested" in doing so.

But guess what was listed

cast your ballot during your work day, and you have a handful of tasks to complete before you pick your kids up from school in the afternoon, voting becomes a luxury. I am not making this up: I know several people whose decision to vote is based on nothing more than how busy they are the very day of the election. But they wouldn't dare admit this out loud for fear they'd be labelled stupid, apathetic and irresponsible.

But they aren't stupid, apathetic and irresponsible. They're just busy. And being busy is not a crime.

Sure, the self-righteous argument that they should know better because they live in the glorious and free utopia of Canada and "how dare they take their voting rights for granted" may hold some truth. But does this disapproving, shaming position do anything at all to increase voter turnout? No. It just makes people feel bad.

So let's do something that makes people feel good. Let's turn Election Day into a national civic holiday.

Just think about it: If you get the day off to vote, you can make an occasion out of it. You can go for lunch. You can see a movie. You can pick up your dry cleaning. And most importantly, you can take an extra few minutes or even an hour to think long and hard about who it is you'd like to vote for.

After all, what's the use of observing Canada Day, a national holiday marking the moment our democracy came into being, if we don't also grant our citizens ample time to participate in its continued existence?

Emma Teitel is a national columnist for the Toronto Star.



**LINED UP OUT THE DOOR** Voters wait at a polling station in Toronto on Election Day 2015. Is it fair to ask people to do this on a work day? THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

I would take this idea one step further and argue that the more we implement this kind of policy everywhere — not merely in the United States or in the corporate world but here in Canada — voter turnout will increase dramatically.

It's true that the 2015 Canadian federal election saw the highest voter turnout in more than 20 years, but why shouldn't we aim even higher next time around? In fact, to hell with employers, why not turn the federal election into a national civic holiday?

Critics of this idea often argue that a national voting holiday wouldn't achieve much because apathy is the main reason people avoid the polls — not a lack of time. And they do have a point.

as the second most common reason for avoiding the polls?

No time.

According to the same study, 22 per cent of Canadians who said they didn't vote in the 2011 election abstained because they were "too busy." That strikes me as a big number and a big problem.

But it's not a big surprise.

It may be hard for some of the nation's more politically informed and invested people to accept, but there are a lot of good citizens out there whose decision to avoid the polls has little to do with the strength of the candidates on the ballot and everything to do with strictly practical forces such as the weather and traffic.

If you are given a narrow window in which to

## HALIFAX VOTES 2016

**On development: The future is not the time to look into the future**

### HALIFAX MATTERS

Stephen Kimber



North Preston's Miranda Cain tells Metro's Zane Woodford the key issue in her District 2 is "lack of recreation."

Rod Brunt's main concern, reports Haley Ryan, is cycling safety on Halifax's "shark-infested" streets.

"Our issues," Musquodoboit Harbour's Kim Young tells reporter Yvette d'Entremont, "are just basically the oppression of rural development."

And so it has gone as Metro reporters fanned out across the Halifax Regional Municipality's 200 urban and rural communities scattered over a landmass the size of Prince Edward Island.

They've been asking a sampling of the region's 400,000 residents what they see as the most important issues our politicians should focus on in the lead-up to the Oct. 15 municipal election.

It shouldn't be surprising — given that local governments are closest to our everyday lives — that most of those concerns are specific to local districts or interest groups.

But there is one issue that encompasses and transcends the rest, and it has to do with development.

Our city is at a crossroads. What do we want Halifax to look and feel

like a decade from now?

That question sparked the launch of the Willow Tree Group, a citizens' coalition that originally banded together to fight two mega-highrise projects slated for their Quinpool-Robie neighbourhood.

But as they considered those projects — each will require a special development agreement since they don't conform to existing rules — they quickly realized neighbourhoods all over HRM face similar struggles.

In fact, the group claims there are now 179 "special-case" development agreement applications — each designed to circumvent existing zoning and land-use bylaws to build bigger, taller, more — working their way through the system from every electoral district in HRM.

So Willow Tree has come up with its own set of questions it thinks you should put to candidates who seek your vote.

Eventually, the new council will have to say "yea" or "nay" to each agreement — or perhaps a blanket "no" to them all until new rules are in place.

Whatever your position on development, you need to ask those who seek to represent you their views on development generally and on projects specifically planned for your district.

By the time the questions come up for a council vote, it may be too late.

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**It may be hard for some of the nation's more politically informed people to accept, but there are a lot of good citizens out there.**





# Dumpsgiving an age-old tradition

## RELATIONSHIPS

### Breaking up over holidays can be tough for students

**Sofi Papamarko**  
Torstar News Service

The first week of September, I overheard a conversation between some international students on U of T campus. They had all just met that day and were sharing basic information about themselves, sweetly and tentatively building new friendships.

"My boyfriend still lives in Korea," offered one of the fresh-faced freshmen. "We know it will be difficult, but we're going to stay together."

Oh, honey. Maintaining a long-distance relationship over four years isn't impossible. But it is highly implausible, especially when you're a teenager and are still figuring out who you are.

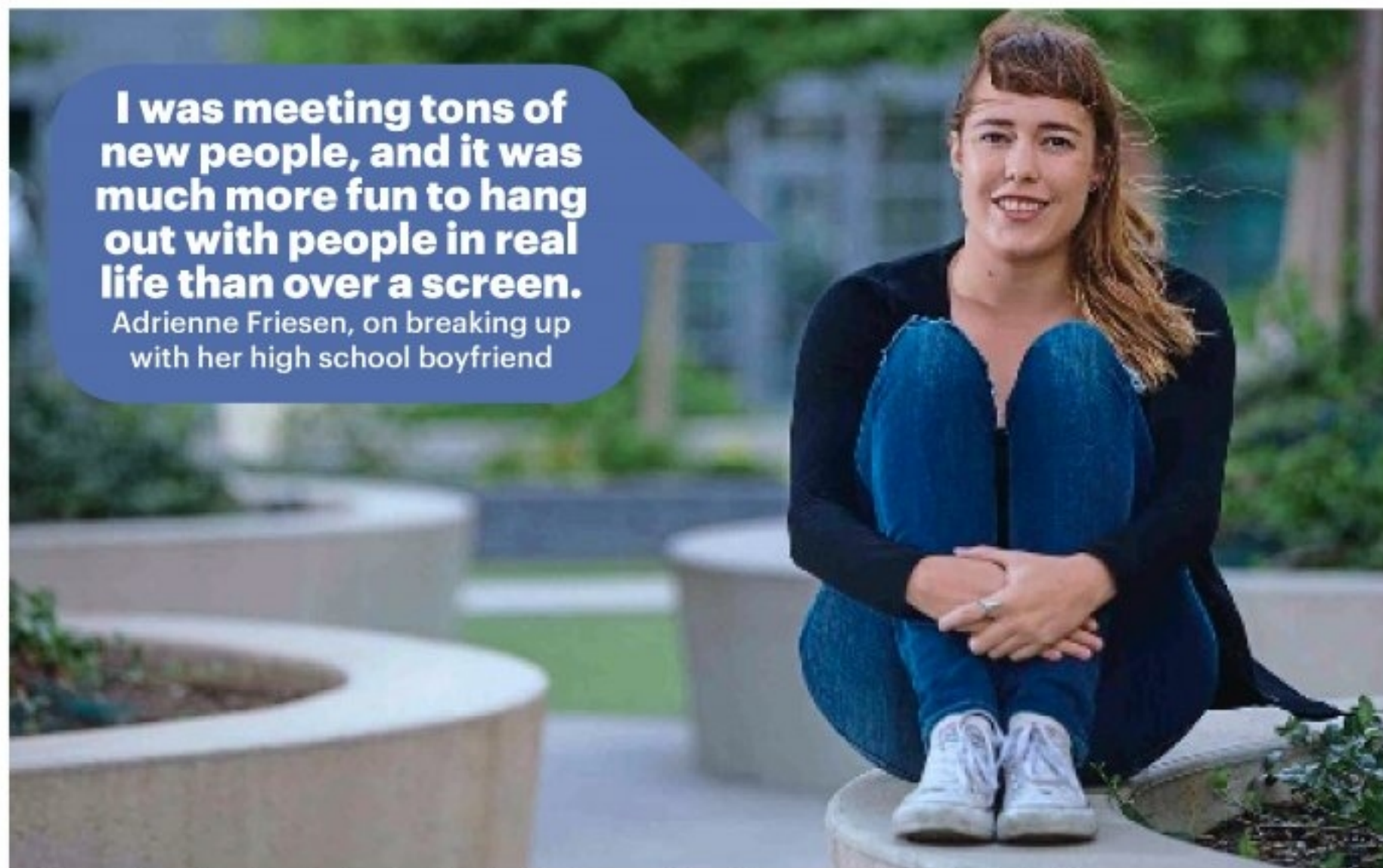
In my university experience, the students who arrived romantically attached to someone from their hometown were single again after Thanksgiving long weekend.

Known widely as "the Turkey

**Pursuing new social activities (reminds students) that they are more than just someone's ex-partner and they may even find a new romantic opportunity in the process.** Dr. Jesmen Mendoza

**I was meeting tons of new people, and it was much more fun to hang out with people in real life than over a screen.**

Adrienne Friesen, on breaking up with her high school boyfriend



Adrienne Friesen has done the "turkey drop," going home and breaking up over Thanksgiving holiday. CHRIS SO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Drop" or "Dumpsgiving," it's the phenomenon of first-year university and college students, immersed in their new academic and social lives, ending things with their high school

sweethearts the very next time they see them — usually Thanksgiving weekend. When the end of a relationship is dealt with in unhealthy ways, it can impede student success for a semester — or even threaten the entire school year.

Digital media specialist Adrienne Friesen, 25, is an admitted turkey dumper. When she moved to Toronto for school, she and her high school boyfriend tried to make it work. Unfortunately, the relationship

lasted about as long as a slice of pumpkin pie set in front of Uncle Bill.

"I immediately fell in love with Toronto and realized that I would be staying here long-term, even beyond university," says Friesen.

And by the time U.S. Thanksgiving rolled around, Friesen says it was no longer appealing to schedule Skype calls or phone calls with her boyfriend since her time was filled with her commerce program and be-

ing on the varsity swim team.

"I was meeting tons of new people and it was much more fun to hang out with people in real life than over a screen," Friesen says.

While Friesen says her breakup was a healthy and necessary one, that's not always the case, and many students may find themselves having difficulties healing and moving on.

Dr. Jesmen Mendoza, a psychologist at Ryerson University's Centre for Student Develop-

ment and Counselling, encourages students dealing with a painful breakup over Thanksgiving or at any other time of the year to get in touch with their school's counselling services and take up fulfilling activities.

"Pursuing new social activities (reminds students) that they are more than just someone's ex-partner and they may even find a new romantic opportunity in the process," Dr. Mendoza says. "Those reluctant to pursue counselling may think that they may be judged or shamed, but professional counsellors are invested in helping students becoming hopeful about their future and hopeful about having a successful intimate relationship."

Experts say that consistent exercise, a balanced diet and getting enough sleep can also help ease the physical and emotional symptoms of a breakup. But keeping busy is definitely key.

"Focus on what makes you you, which for me included refocusing on my studies, taking up a new class, getting a part-time job and getting back in touch with friends," says Friesen.

"It's important to get out and about. Even if it's just going to a café to work or study instead of staying home, it helps to be around people. Having a good friend-support system is also helpful."

And don't forget the silver lining to dumping or being dumped on Thanksgiving weekend: there has never been a more appropriate time to eat your feelings.

## FASHION

### Founder bids a fond farewell to Flare

Flare's visionary founder says she's sad to see the fashion publication disappear from newsstands, calling it a rare vehicle for Canadian women to see themselves reflected in a style magazine.

Donna Scott launched the glossy periodical in 1979 as Canada's answer to a proliferation of slick imports such as Glamour, Vogue and Harper's Bazaar.

At the time, professional Canadian women had nowhere to turn for a local perspective on style, design and culture, she says, noting that the women's

magazine Chatelaine was more focused on homemaking and cookery.

"I'm just shocked," Scott said Friday from her home in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., upon hearing the news the publication was going digital only. "It was the first ever fashion magazine for the age group we were appealing to."

Rogers Media announced Friday it was ceasing print publication of Flare as well as Sportsnet, MoneySense, and Canadian Business magazines. Beginning January 2017, they will only be avail-

able on the web and on apps, with new content posted daily.

Scott recalls being struck by inspiration while criss-crossing the country in 1975 as an in-demand speaker for International Women's Year, a United Nations designation that evolved into International Women's Day on March 8.

"I realized that women in Canada didn't have a fashion magazine and what we were doing was reading Vogue and Harper's and Glamour and Mademoiselle," said Scott, who left Flare in 1990 when Rogers took

over Maclean-Hunter. "And they were all great but they didn't have our stores or our prices or our colleges or any of the information that would be for Canadian women."

Scott, now in her 80s, decided to start a magazine that would feature Canadian retailers and designers.

"We were looking at the intelligent young woman who had great hopes when she finished her education to get a career or a job and do well in life," said Scott. "Like men did at that time." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Donna Scott is the founder and former publisher of Flare magazine.

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**JOHANNA SCHNELLER**  
**WHAT I'M WATCHING**

## McKinnon's Clinton is the one to watch

**THE SHOW:** Saturday Night Live, Oct. 1, 2016

**THE MOMENT:** The Clinton-Trump debate

Hillary Clinton (Kate McKinnon) squares off against Donald Trump (Alec Baldwin) on the debate stage.

"He spent his life cheating labourers," Clinton says. "Labourers like my own human father, who made drapes or sold drapes, something with drapes, and he was relatable and I am also relatable."

Later, in her closing statement, she says, "Listen, America, I get it: you hate me. You hate my voice and you hate my face. Well, here's a tip: if you never want to see my face again, elect me president, and I will lock myself in the Oval Office and not come out for four years. But if you don't elect me, I will continue to run for president until the day I die."

Rejoicing abounded when SNL announced that Baldwin will play Trump until the election and

rightly so: the actor perfectly captures the candidate's jutting lips, bullying cadences and the way he plays to his countrymen's worst instincts. (When I interviewed him this past spring, he called Trump "America's bile duct.")

As great as Baldwin is, though, I don't need a Trump parody. Trump takes care of that himself. McKinnon's performance is more relevant.

By pointing out both Clinton's awkwardness ("my human father"), and the inherent sexism she faces from men and women ("you hate my face"), McKinnon gives us valuable insight into why America can't warm to Clinton. Her impression goes beyond mockery to get to uncomfortable truths.

In this election (and its SNL funhouse mirror), he's getting all the ink. But the story is her.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.



Alec Baldwin, left, as Donald Trump, and Kate McKinnon, as Hillary Clinton perform during the "Debate Cold Open" sketch on Saturday Night Live. WILL HEATH/NBC VIA AP

# Kim Kardashian shaken but unharmed in robbery

**INVESTIGATION**

## Five assailants stole \$10M in jewellery at gunpoint

Armed robbers forced their way into a private Paris residence where Kim Kardashian West was staying, tied her up and locked her in a bathroom before making off with more than \$10 million worth of jewelry, police officials said Monday.

A spokeswoman for Kardashian West said the reality TV star, who was in Paris attending fashion week shows, was badly shaken but physically unharmed.

She left Paris Monday morning a few hours after the incident, and flew to Teterboro Airport in New Jersey. From there she travelled in a motorcade to her apartment building in downtown Manhattan, where there was a heavy security presence.

Friends of Kardashian West consoled the reality TV star in New York City following her ordeal.

LaLa Anthony, wife of basketball player Carmelo Anthony arrived Monday afternoon, as did family friends Jonathan Cheban and Simon Huck, who are often featured on Keeping Up With the Kardashians.

Kris Jenner indicated her daughter was doing OK, giving a "thumbs up" signal when a reporter asked how Kardashian West was faring. Video cameras lined barricades outside the building, capturing security guards milling about.

Paris police are hunting for five suspected assailants after the incident, which has raised new concerns about security in



Armed robbers forced their way into a private Paris residence where Kim Kardashian West was staying, and stole more than \$10 million worth of jewelry, police officials said.

AP PHOTO/LIONEL CIRONEAU, FILE

the French capital after a string of deadly extremist attacks.

The thieves entered the 19th-century luxury residence in Paris' chic eighth district after the concierge let them in around 2:30 a.m. local time, according to two police officials. Handcuffed and at gunpoint, the concierge led them to the starlet's flat.

The robbers tied up Kardashian West and locked her in the bathroom before escaping on bikes, the officials said. They were not authorized to be publicly named speaking about ongoing investigations.

The officials said the five stole a jewelry box containing valuables worth 6 million euros (\$6.7 million) as well as

a ring worth 4 million euros (\$4.5 million). In a message to The Associated Press, the Paris prosecutor's office said that only two of the five suspects forced their way into the apartment.

Kardashian's stylist was also in the residence at the time, and alerted police, but Kardashian's bodyguard was not present according to the prosecutor's office.

It's unclear whether the couple's two children, 3-year-old daughter North and 10-month-old son Saint, were with Kardashian West when the robbery happened, or if they were with her at all on her trip to France.

Police said the actress' family was placed under police protection at the George V hotel after the incident. Her sister Kendall Jenner appeared with Kardashian at Paris fashion shows in recent days and often appears on the catwalk herself.

Kardashian's husband, Kanye West, abruptly ended his performance at the Meadows Music and Arts Festival in New York on Sunday night.

"I'm sorry, family emergency, I have to stop the show," West told the audience.

Kardashian West has the habit of showing her jewels and whereabouts in her social media, including in recent days when she posted pictures of her attending fashion week shows. A few days ago, she also flashed a big ring on Twitter and Instagram.

Kardashian West was ambushed last week by a serial celebrity assaulter who attempted to grab her as she was entering a restaurant. She was also attacked outside of a Paris fashion week show in 2014. She wasn't hurt in either incident.

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## GOSSIP BRIEFS TPB ARE AN ACQUIRED TASTE; WILLIAMS' WIDOW SPEAKS OUT

### Ol' Dirty Canadian Whisky recipes possibly 'dangerous'

The Ontario government will be looking into advertising of a Trailer Park Boys-inspired whisky set to go on sale in the province this month.

Liquormen's Ol' Dirty Canadian Whisky is set to be sold at Liquor Control Board of Ontario outlets and is to be launched Thursday at a Toronto event.

Drink recipes on the website for the whisky — from Nova Scotia-based Dartmouth Spirits Inc. — include a couple recommending mixing drinking with mari-



Liquormen's Ol' Dirty Canadian Whisky will be available in the LCBO on Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS/NATHAN DENETTE/FILE

juana and hashish use.

One drink — dubbed the Zesty Mordant — suggests rolling up "a six paper joint," grabbing a bag of chips, and a glass of Liquormen's.

Premier Kathleen Wynne says that sounds "dangerous in a lot of ways," telling a news conference that the government "will look into it." THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Robin Williams' widow details actor's final days

Robin Williams' widow says the actor had "chemical warfare in his brain" before his death.

Williams suffered from dementia caused by Lewy body disease and took his own life in August 2014. Susan Schneider Williams writes in the medical journal Neurology that her husband's suicide came "at the end of an intense, confusing, and relatively swift persecution" from the disease.

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# Lung cancer: Not just a smoker's disease

## DIAGNOSIS

### Advocate wants to nix stigma, urges others to get screened

In her late 30s, Jessica Steinberg led a healthy life. A busy mother of two, she taught fitness classes, from step aerobics to boot camp, and was training for a marathon.

But when a rib injury sent her into the hospital for a chest X-ray in 2011, Steinberg learned she had lung cancer. At first, her doctors thought it was a localized tumour, but they later discovered the cancer was invasive and aggressive — and had spread throughout her body, into her lymph nodes, her bones and her brain.

It was a shocking diagnosis for a woman with no risk factors. "I was never a smoker. No radon in my home. No exposure to chemicals. No family history. It was really out of nowhere," Steinberg, now 44, says.

Steinberg, a Canadian-American citizen now living in Oregon, is among those raising awareness of the smoking-related stigma surrounding lung cancer — and

how the disease can hit anyone, even people who've never lit a cigarette in their life. "It's not just a smoker's disease. There's a changing face of lung cancer," she says, during a recent interview in Toronto.

The disease kills more than 20,000 Canadians every year — more than breast, prostate and colon cancer combined — and accounts for 25 per cent of the country's cancer deaths, according to Lung Cancer Canada. Both men and women are at risk, with an estimated 13,600 new male cases and 13,000 new female cases of the disease for 2015, the Canadian Cancer Society notes.

And they're not all smokers. More than 85 per cent of lung cancer cases in Canada are related to smoking tobacco, according to CCS data, but that leaves 15 per cent of cases that aren't.

"The majority of patients I see (with a lung cancer diagnosis) have either stopped smoking, or never smoked," says medical oncologist Dr. Parneet Cheema, a specialist in thoracic cancers at Sunnybrook Odette Cancer Centre.

Even so, smoking-related stigma is something Cheema and Steinberg both see regularly.

"Do you ever ask a prostate



Jessica Steinberg learned she had lung cancer when a rib injury sent her to hospital for an X-ray in 2011. It was a shocking diagnosis for a woman with no risk factors. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

cancer patient — 'Did you get enough fibre?' questions Steinberg.

"People don't do that. They don't link other cancers to behaviours."

Smokers and non-smokers alike need to keep an eye on concerning symptoms, Cheema notes, particularly given lung

cancer's aggressive nature and typically poor prognosis. Those symptoms could include a lingering cough, coughing up blood, chest pain, hoarseness, fatigue and shortness of breath.

For Steinberg, it's been more than five years since her cancer diagnosis. She's gone through surgery, chemotherapy, chest and

brain radiation and eventually learned she has a specific gene mutation driving her cancer.

Steinberg calls the finding a "game-changer," and she's now participating in an oral chemotherapy clinical trial that's helping her lead a full life despite her Stage 4 advanced metastatic cancer. Her goal is to live long

## BY THE NUMBERS

**20,000**

The number of Canadians killed by lung cancer every year.

**17%**

The five-year survival rate for lung cancer.

**25%**

Lung cancer accounts for 25 per cent of all cancer deaths in Canada.

SOURCE: LUNG CANCER SOCIETY

enough to see her boys, aged 14 and 11, have her grandkids.

She's also trying to make the most of her diagnosis by opening people's eyes to the realities of the disease.

"Anyone can get lung cancer," she says. "If you have lungs, you can get lung cancer."

## POVERTY

### Diaper gap comes into view

Christine Shotts, in Springfield, Missouri, has eight kids under age 9. She works two part-time jobs and her husband works as a car mechanic, but their incomes don't stretch nearly far enough.

Jilcana Montoya has the same problem. She's on government assistance in Washington, D.C., living in transitional

housing while earning her GED and caring for her 2-year-old son and 7-month-old daughter.

One of their most urgent needs is often a hidden one: keeping their kids in diapers. And they're hardly alone, driving a relatively new movement to distribute free disposable — and sometimes cloth — diapers to those who can afford them the least.

"We'd get a small pack of diapers and I'd have to make that stretch until the next week," said the 30-year-old Shotts, who has two kids still in diapers.

Added the 22-year-old Montoya: "I never had enough money for diapers. I would

need to use the money I was going to use to eat."

Diapers can cost \$70 to \$80 a month. Government aid programs exclude diaper purchases, and there are 5.3 million children under 3 living in need, according to research.

A network of about 320 food pantries, social service agencies and community groups have stepped in with the help of Huggies. Since 2011, Huggies parent Kimberly-Clark has donated more than 200 million diapers to the National Diaper Bank Network, based in New Haven, Connecticut.

So what took so long for the so-called "diaper gap" to be addressed?

"Most of our anti-poverty programs miss the details," said Joanne Goldblum, a former social worker who is the CEO and founder of the diaper network. "They look at the big picture and they don't look at the small picture. And the truth is that it's the little things that impact most people's day-to-day lives more than anything else."

Earlier this year, the White House issued a call to action and President Barack Obama challenged online retailers, diaper makers and nonprofits to come up with innovative solutions.

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**“Most of our anti-poverty programs miss the details.”**  
Joanne Goldblum



By working with area community groups, The Diaper Alliance provides struggling families with free diapers for their infants and toddlers. TROY MOORE/NATIONAL DIAPER BANK NETWORK VIA AP

## Roxs Domestic Short Hair

Roxs came to the SPCA after he was found stray in the city, and his past is a mystery. He is a calm and pleasant cat who enjoys being petted. He stayed about a week with the people who found him, and he seems enjoy spending quality time with his human companions. He will probably prefer a home with people who will be available a lot, to provide him with company and stimulation.

He may prefer being the only feline member of the household. Roxs, who is about 8 years old, is looking forward to settling into a comfortable life in his forever home.

For more information on Roxs and other adoptable furry friends, visit [www.spcans.ca/dartmouthshelter](http://www.spcans.ca/dartmouthshelter) or contact the Nova Scotia SPCA Provincial Animal Shelter at 902-468-7877 or [dartmouth@spcans.ca](mailto:dartmouth@spcans.ca)

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# Stroman tasked with curbing O's big bats

**MLB**  
**Gibbons calls righty 'perfect guy' to start wild-card game**

The Toronto Blue Jays and Baltimore Orioles are about as similar as two clubs can be entering the American League wild-card game.

Both teams had 89-73 records in the East Division standings. Both teams clinched playoff spots on the final weekend of the season. And both teams own power-heavy lineups that can feast at a homer-happy stadium like Rogers Centre.

The Blue Jays had a 10-9 edge in the season series but Baltimore took two of three games last week in Toronto.

So who will blink first on Tuesday night?

The Toronto pitching staff led the American League in earned-run average while the Orioles led the major leagues in home runs.

Chris Tillman will get the starting assignment for Baltimore while fellow right-hander Marcus Stroman will be on the hill for Toronto.

"Some guys rise to the occasion. I've seen Stro do that many, many times," Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said Monday. "I think he's the perfect guy."

The winner of the one-game



**Blue Jays pitcher Marcus Stroman has had an up-and-down year with a 9-10 record and 4.37 ERA.** RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

showdown will advance to the American League Division Series. The Texas Rangers will host Game 1 of that series on Thursday.

The Orioles and the Blue Jays have been in Game 7 mode for several days as they held off the Detroit Tigers and Seattle Mariners to get to this point. It seems rather fitting that they'll open the post-season with an elimination game.

"There's got to be something to be said for experien-

cing those kind of games," Gibbons said. "You play enough of him, you get used to them."

A raucous sellout crowd is a guarantee. The Blue Jays returned to the playoffs last year for the first time since 1993 and the spectators cheered like it.

Home field could definitely be a big advantage if Toronto gets on the board early.

The Blue Jays have had to manufacture runs of late after the bats went rather cold in

**253**  
 Baltimore led the major leagues with 253 home runs over the regular season.

## Britton waiting in the wings for Orioles

What could be scarier for the Blue Jays than one inning of Baltimore super closer Zach Britton in the American League wild-card game?

How about two innings. "Yes, (Orioles manager Buck Showalter) told us to be ready for two innings," Britton said as the Orioles worked out in advance of the wild-card game Tuesday night at the Rogers Centre.

"Any time I get asked, that's fine. It's not something I haven't done before. Roles are roles, until they're not.

You have to be ready for anything in a game like this. So just be ready when your number is called."

The Orioles rarely call Britton's number for two innings, although the left-hander did record five outs in Sunday's wild-card clinching win over the

Yankees. He has only been stretched out past one inning on two other occasions this season, including July 31 against Toronto.

With an all-or-nothing game Tuesday, it wouldn't be a surprise to see Showalter call for Britton earlier than usual, depending on the way the

game plays out. When you have the best reliever in baseball, and arguably the best left-hander in the game, it's a no-brainer.

Britton is the one clear advantage Baltimore has over the Jays. He has simply been unbeatable all season, converting all 47 save opportunities he's inherited. He's given up only four earned runs in 67 innings, with 74 strikeouts, 18 walks and just 38 hits allowed.

His ERA dipped below 1.00 on June 9 and has not risen above 0.70 since, winding up at 0.54. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



**Zach Britton**  
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## Panthers reeling as Newton concussed

The Carolina Panthers are 1-3, their MVP quarterback has a concussion and their young secondary just allowed Matt Ryan to throw for 503 yards and four touchdowns.

Yep, the NFC's best team last season is reeling.

The Panthers are 1-3 for the fourth time in six seasons under coach Ron Rivera, but the two-time NFL Coach of the Year said this one feels different.

"I think we should be better than we are," Rivera said Monday.

Carolina has won three straight NFC South titles, but is two games behind the At-

lanta Falcons (3-1) one quarter of the way through the season.

And now there's a chance they could be without Cam Newton for a while.

Newton left Sunday's 48-

33 loss to the Falcons in the fourth quarter with a concussion and did not return. Rivera said Newton's status for next Monday night's home game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers is uncertain.

The Panthers visit the New Orleans Saints in another division matchup in Week 6 before a bye week.

The Panthers return to practice Wednesday.

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**80.2**  
 Cam Newton's QB rating this season — a career low.

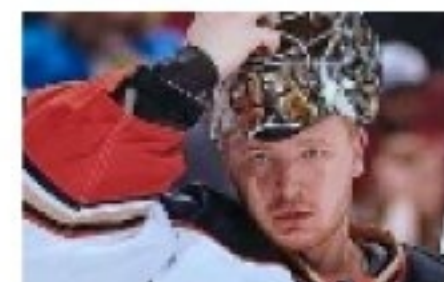
## Leafs goalie nearly back to full health

Frederik Andersen will have a better grasp on his health Tuesday night when he'll make his exhibition debut in the Toronto Maple Leafs net.

The 27-year-old goalie, who has been nursing a suspected shoulder injury suffered in an Olympic qualifier for Denmark last month, is expected to play a period and perhaps more against the Ottawa Senators in Saskatoon.

"I don't know how much he's going to play, but he's going to definitely play a period," head coach Mike Babcock said. "We'll see how he feels."

Andersen said he feels close to 100 per cent. Getting into game action, where the pace



**Frederik Andersen** GETTY IMAGES

picks up considerably as compared to practice, would help settle any outstanding concerns.

"We've been really patient," Andersen said. "We knew we had some time to figure out and not try to rush it, which is really good. You don't want to start taking any risks. We've been taking baby steps, but really pushing it to go." THE CANADIAN PRESS

### IN BRIEF

#### McGwire back on the Hall of Fame ballot

Mark McGwire is getting another swing at the Hall of Fame.

The former slugger who admitted using steroids joins Bud Selig, George Steinbrenner and seven others on the Today's Game Era ballot to be considered for election to Cooperstown in December.

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#### Premier League has its first American manager

Bob Bradley became the first American manager in the Premier League after being hired by Swansea on Monday, finally landing the opportunity he had been chasing to lead a top-flight side in Europe.

Swansea hired the former U.S. men's national team coach to replace Francesco Guidolin. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



# RECIPE Spicy Beef Tacos with Sweet Potato



PHOTO: MAYA VISNIEI

**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**  
For Metro Canada

- Handful chopped fresh cilantro
- 8 corn tortillas
- jar of prepared salsa

## Ready in 40 minutes

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 30 minutes  
Serves 6

## Ingredients

- 1 large sweet potato, diced into bite-size pieces
- 1 Tbsp (15 ml) olive oil
- 1 1/2 tsp (7.5 ml) salt, divided
- 1/2 red onion, thinly sliced and rinsed in very warm water
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) sugar
- pinch of salt
- 1/3 cup rice vinegar
- 2 lb. (900 g) organic lean ground beef
- 2 Tbsp (30 ml) chili powder
- 2 tsp (10 ml) ground cumin
- 1 tsp (5 ml) cinnamon
- 1 tsp (5 ml) dried oregano
- 1 tsp (5 ml) pepper
- 2 tsp (10 ml) salt
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) shaved Monterey jack cheese

## Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400. Toss sweet potato with olive oil and 1/2 tsp (2ml) salt. Spread on a lined baking sheet and bake 5 to 7 minutes. Toss and bake another 5 minutes, or until fork tender. Remove from oven and place in a bowl; set aside.
2. In a small bowl, dissolve sugar and salt in vinegar, add the onions; set aside.
3. In large skillet, cook beef over medium heat, breaking up with spoon, until browned, 10 minutes.
4. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, blend spices and garlic. Stir into meat; cook another 2 minutes. Remove from heat and transfer half to a serving dish. Put other half in an airtight container and store in the refrigerator to use for another dinner. Place beef, sweet potato, slices of red onion, cheese, fresh cilantro, salsa and tortillas out on the table for taco assembly.

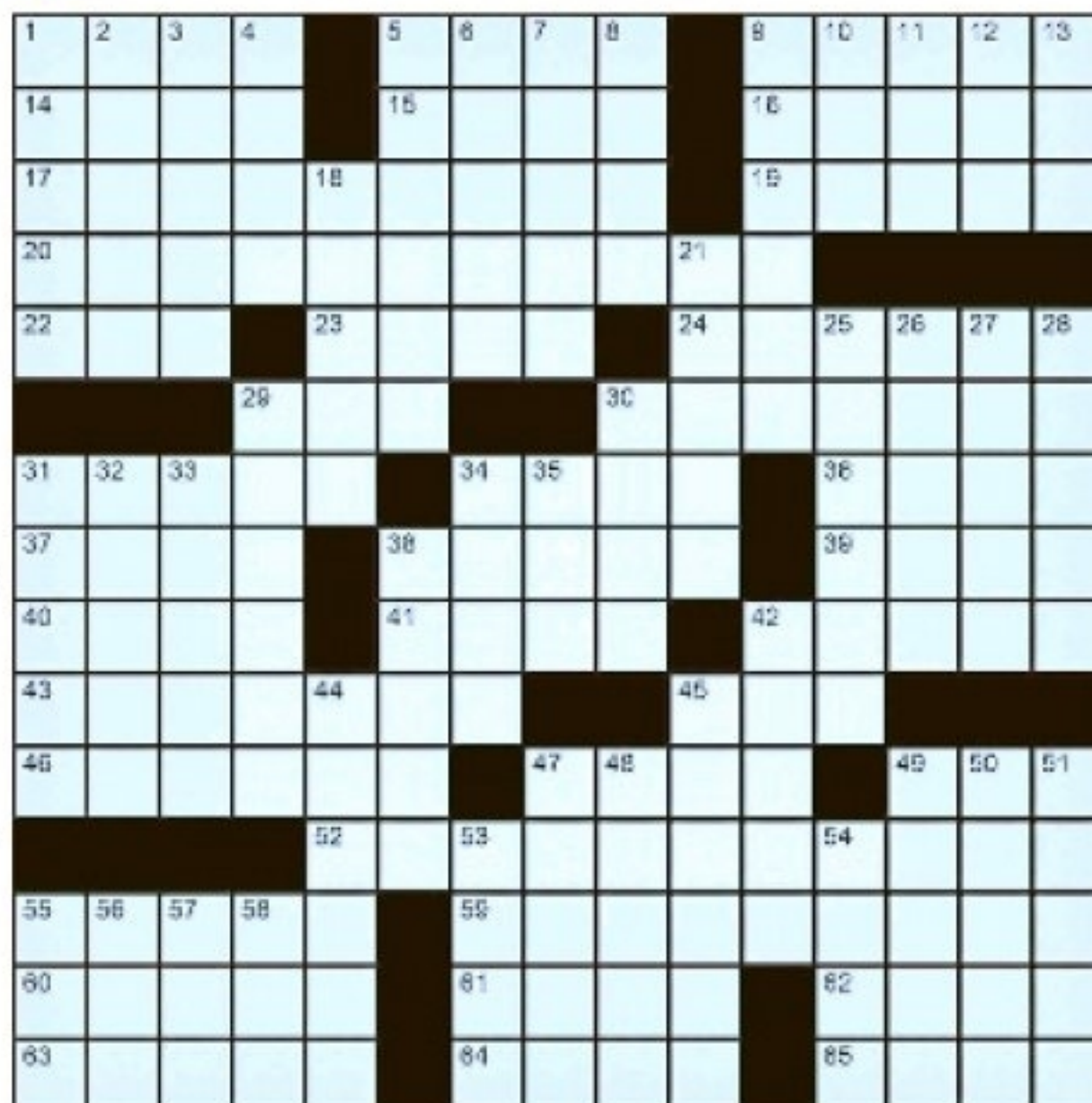
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# CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

## ACROSS

1. Reveal the secret
5. Rebuff
9. Jazz legend Ms. Vaughan
14. Moon, in Montreal
15. Towering
16. Doubly
17. Starter in Italian cuisine
19. Red \_ (Tree in British Columbia)
20. American \_ (Ice Age animal which lived in the Yukon)
22. "Forrest Gump" (1994) star ...his initials-sharers
23. Ms. Kedrova of "Torn Curtain" (1966)
24. Beaver-like rodent called a 'river rat'
29. Johnny Carson bandleader Mr. Severinsen
30. Lifestyles guru Martha
31. Couch potato's prize possession: 2 wds.
34. Prefix to 'copter'
36. Face shape
37. Elevation on land
38. Sort of shrub
39. Greek alphabet's second letter
40. Old Testament twin
41. Hopped off the horse
42. Jazz legend Mr. Davis
43. "Opportunity" is a 1967 hit by what Canadian band?
45. Carpet store purchase
46. Self- \_
47. Bowsprit, for one



49. British singer Mr. Smith
52. The regular folk: 3 wds.
55. 1942 Disney classic
59. Sold, Sotheby's-style
60. Scent
61. Entreaty

62. Beast
63. Glowier
64. Antiquities
65. Info

## DOWN

1. Booming noise
2. Noon hour meal
3. 'Nay' sides in

- debates
4. "Could It \_ \_ Fall in Love" by The Spinners
5. Radio interference
6. Of the nose
7. Ne plus \_ (Perfection)
8. Allied group

9. Sculptor's creation
10. Pointy tool
11. Empty
12. Champion
13. "And I Love \_" (Lennon-McCartney)
18. Test episode in television
21. Shenanigan

25. \_ \_ Matthews, Emilio Estevez's character in "The Outsiders" (1983)
26. Disentangle
27. All worked up
28. Maps book
29. Hoodwink
30. Window blinds segment
31. Subject matter
32. Travel endorsements
33. Angle
34. Hoop's fun friend
35. Record label
38. Ms. Hayek the actress
42. Tuesday, in Tadoussac
44. Antenna
45. The aquatic Rays
47. Brain's 'bonnet'
48. Walked anxiously
49. \_ \_-long (Campfire fun)
50. Aware
51. Mythical wife scorned by Jason
53. Scruff
54. Recipes requirement
55. "Run to You" Canadian rocker ...his initials-sharers
56. Curve
57. Farm sound
58. Snazzy car

# IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
This is an excellent day to have a practical discussion with a partner or close friend. People are in a practical frame of mind and are concerned about how to do something.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
You will be productive at work today because it's easy to concentrate. Furthermore, you want practical results from your hard work.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Discussions about the practicalities of a social event, a vacation or making plans for parties and fun diversions will yield results today. It's a good day to teach children.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
You might talk to a parent or an authority figure in your family today about doing something that needs to be done at home. Listen to the advice of others.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
You have an orderly state of mind today, which makes it easy to make long-range plans for the future. You will give careful consideration to everything you do.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
You will be careful about your finances today and how you handle money. If shopping, you will want to buy only long-lasting, practical items.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
Today the Sun is in your sign dancing with stern Saturn. This favors hard work and doing anything that will help you to be better organized. Dig right in!

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
Research of any kind will go well today because you won't overlook details. You are willing to accept your duty and defer today's pleasure for tomorrow's results.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
An older friend or someone in a group might have wise advice for you today. Listen to what is offered, because it could benefit you.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
You will impress bosses, parents and VIPs because you are conscientious, hardworking and results-oriented.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
You might meet a guru-like figure today or a teacher or professor who has wise advice for you. Possibly, you will play the role of adviser for someone else.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
Discussions about shared property, inheritances and financial matters will be productive. You are not in a frivolous frame of mind. In fact, it's quite the opposite — you want to wrap up practical matters.

## CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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